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Honorable George H. Mahon, Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

During my recent appearance before your Committee you asked whether this Agency was familiar with stories about a gold cache at the White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico. I said I had not heard the story but Carl Duckett acknowledged that he had read an account of the matter. You also mentioned that you had some indication that an Agency employee or employees had an involvement and requested that I determine whether that was true and report to you.

I have had my staff look into the matter and can assure you that this Agency has had no involvement. I can assure you also that no Agency employee is involved in any official capacity and that I have not been able to identify any Agency employee who is in any way personally involved.

You may recall that some of the press stories over the last few months indicated that one of the attorneys has said that he is representing a fairly large group of people whom he would not identify. If we learn that any names are revealed or any new developments occur that would be of interest to you, I will advise you.

Sincerely,

/s/ W. E. Colby

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Director

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